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**Letter dated 21 May 2009 from the Permanent Representative
of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

In my capacity as Permanent Representative of the Government of Nicaragua, which, in the person of President Daniel Ortega Saavedra, currently holds the pro tempore presidency of the Central American Integration System, I have the honour to attach herewith the text of the Declaration of the Special Meeting of Heads of State and Government of the Central American Integration System, held in Managua on 20 May 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the aforementioned document circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 20, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 61, 62, 63, 64, 97, 98 and 107 of the sixty-third session.

(Signed) María **Rubiales de Chamorro**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 21 May 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Declaration

We, the Heads of State and Government of the countries members of the Central American Integration System (SICA) or their representatives, gathered in Managua, Republic of Nicaragua, in order to continue to join our efforts in the search for solutions to the major challenges that face our region and the world,

Considering:

That it is essential to strengthen regional integration and solid unity among our peoples and States while seeking to build a prosperous, secure and fair region,

Agree:

1. To take note of the report on the current state of negotiations on the association agreement between Central America and the European Union, introduced by the Office of the Spokesperson of the Republic of Honduras, and to instruct negotiating teams to conclude negotiations as soon as possible, within the agreed parameters and timetable while reflecting the interests of Central America;
2. To instruct a high-level commission to begin negotiation of what will be the financial instrument of the agreement of association between Central America and the European Union, taking into account the proposal of the Common Central American and European Union Economic and Financial Credit Fund as the basis for that negotiation;
3. This high-level commission consists of the representatives of the Council of Ministers of Finance of Central America and of the Central American Monetary Council, supported by the Central American Integration agencies, in order to conduct negotiations on this financial mechanism with the European Union, which should be concluded before the association agreement comes into force;
4. To acknowledge the effort and prompt response of the Council of Central American Ministers of Health (COMISCA) with a view to preventing the spread of the influenza epidemic in each of our countries and to instruct those countries to maintain a standing alert until the threat of that epidemic disappears, urging all the people of Central America to take the preventive hygiene and safety measures recommended by the health authorities of each country;
5. Also, to express our solidarity with the brotherly countries of Central America and elsewhere that have been affected by that epidemic, to convey our sorrow for their deaths;
6. To welcome United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/277, in which the Assembly agreed to organize a "United Nations conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development" and to present, to the extent possible, a joint position of the SICA countries;
7. To encourage efforts to strengthen the institutions of the Council of Ministers of Finance with a view to coordination in the context of Central American

integration, within the framework of the provisions of articles 8 and 19 of the Tegucigalpa Protocol and article 41 of the Guatemala Protocol;

8. To express our satisfaction at the holding of the first technical meeting on climate change between the SICA countries and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in León, Nicaragua, on 12 and 13 May 2009 as a forum at which progress was made in the effort to find common interests and positions in preparation for the next Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December 2009;

9. To recall the importance to the SICA countries of protecting migrants outside the region and, in particular, of ensuring respect for their rights. It is therefore necessary to set and to harmonize integrated regional policies for the treatment of migrants, including policies to ensure respect for human rights, labour rights and the rights of their families;

10. To adopt a common position in preparation for the thirty-ninth General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), to be held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, from 1 to 3 June, to the effect that:

- This Organization of American States General Assembly should pursue the political dialogue among its members that was initiated in April 2009 in Trinidad and Tobago, including on the issues that the Presidents and Prime Ministers considered to be priorities for the hemisphere, such as the economic crisis, energy initiatives, the environment and climate change;
- It should also strive to adopt a common position on the issue of Cuba with respect to the blockade and the possible withdrawal of the suspension of participation in the inter-American system;

11. To pay tribute to the President of the Republic of El Salvador, Elias Antonio Saca, for his continued commitment and dedication to the Central American integration process during his term of office;

12. To congratulate the people and Government of Panama for their recent voting exercise and demonstration of a great spirit of civic responsibility and democracy, which resulted in the election of Mr. Ricardo Martinelli, to whom we express our sincere support in the implementation of his mandate for the benefit of all the men and women of Panama; and

13. To thank the people and Government of the sisterly Republic of Nicaragua for their hospitality and for the excellent organization of this Special Meeting of Heads of State and Government of SICA.

Done at Managua, Republic of Nicaragua, Central America on 20 May 2009.

(Signed) **Álvaro Colom Caballeros**
President of the Republic of Guatemala

(Signed) **Eliás Antonio Saca González**
President of the Republic of El Salvador

(Signed) **José Manuel Zelaya Rosales**
President of the Republic of Honduras

(Signed) **Clara Quiñones de Longo**
Representative of the Government
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Liaison to the Central American
Integration System and to the Caribbean
Forum of African, Caribbean and
Pacific States of the Dominican Republic

(Signed) **Daniel Ortega Saavedra**
President of the Republic of Nicaragua

(Signed) **Martín Torrijos Espino**
President of the Republic of Panama

(Signed) **Bruno Stagno Ugarte**
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship
of the Republic of Costa Rica

(Signed) **Alfredo Martínez**
Representative of the Government of Belize